

**ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBAL COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 17, 2004**

Chairman Charles Colombe called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. Roll call was taken with thirteen (13) council representatives answering thereby constituting a quorum.

They were as follows:

Heather Burnette	Eddie Farmer	Jo Colombe
Rick Young	Willard Henry	Darlene Metcalf
Marion Young One Star	Robert Becker	Robert Shot
Rodney Bordeaux	Lenard Wright	Ken La Deaux
Russell Eagle Bear		

Council representatives entering after roll call:

Steve Denoyer Jr.	Patsy Valandra
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Council representatives who were absent:

Darrell Herman	Wayne Boyd	Darrell Marcus
Glen Quick Bear	Cliff Chasing Hawk	

Other officers present: Vice Chairman Norman Wilson, Secretary Gerri Night Pipe, Treasurer James Wike and Sergeant At Arms Glen Yellow Eagle.

**INVOCATION** - Russell Eagle Bear gave the invocation.

**AGENDA APPROVAL** - Motion by Rodney Bordeaux to approve the agenda with the additions of the TCHS girls basketball team honoring and elder concerns. Seconded by Jo Colombe. Questioned by Willard Henry. Vote: 13 for, 01 opposed, 0 not voting. MOTION CARRIED

**CASINO REPORT** - Acting General Manager Adrian Mirabueno gave the following report:

- In January the casino generated more than \$1.2 million in total revenues, the second highest revenue so far this fiscal year.
- The revenue for the month was \$84,000.00 more than plan and exceeded last year's revenue by more than \$59,000.00. All revenue streams did very well with table games revenue of \$83,000.00 exceeding plan by more than 80% and bingo greatly improved its revenue performance exceeding plan by more than 51%.

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- The net profit for the month was \$625,036.00 exceeding plan by more than \$171,000.00 and also exceeding last year's profit by more than \$68,000.00. After equity reserves of \$46,877.00 and the same amount towards purchases of capital equipment; and payments to Wells Fargo Bank of \$175,309.00 the net payment to the Rosebud Sioux Tribe for the month was \$355,972.00 and brings the total payment to the Tribe this fiscal year to about \$1.2 million or about \$371,000.00 more than plan.
- Due to the extended cold weather and snow days during the month two busses cancelled out. However fifteen turnaround busses brought in 631 guests and 344 more were brought in by 44 limo trips. For the month of February, eighteen busses are scheduled to bring in about 750 guests. The weekly cash giveaways of \$1,500.00 on Mondays has been very popular, hence we are planning to increase the amount to \$2,000.00.
- We also gave away about \$5,000.00 to 175 guests that entered the Cash Cube. To be entitled to the Cash Cube, guests must provide proof of their birthdays that day. We now have 1,500 signed up for the new "Players Club". Players club members are rewarded prizes from the gift shop after accumulating so many points on their player's club cards.
- We were pleased with the resolute of operations in January as well as the overall performance during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter FY 2004. We are hopeful that despite the prolonged cold spell in February, revenue performance will not be so adversely impacted, but this remains to be seen. The concert of February 13<sup>th</sup>, featuring Collin Ray should help revenue performance. Both the 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. shows have been sold out.

Motion by Rodney Bordeaux to have the Acting General Manager to bring back a cost analysis and report for a health plan and life insurance for all the casino employees at the next meeting. Seconded by Eddie Farmer. Questioned by Willard Henry. Vote: 13 for, 0 opposed, 01 not voting.  
MOTION CARRIED

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Motion by Russell Eagle Bear to establish a timeframe and interview process for the General Manager applicants and have the Personnel Director set it up. Seconded by Rodney Bordeaux. Questioned by Darlene Metcalf. Vote: 12 for, 0 opposed, 02 not voting. MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Russell Eagle Bear that the Personnel Director set up Hotel Manager interviews to be held on March 03, 2004 and that the point system be used on the applicants and that today be the deadline to take applications for the position. Seconded by Patsy Valandra. Questioned by Ken LaDeaux. Vote: 09 for, 01 opposed, 04 not voting. MOTION CARRIED

**MOTEL REPORT** - Barbara Hammond, acting motel director gave the following written report with attached balance sheet and income statement:

- We were full on New Year's Eve and the last weekend, Founders's Day. We did not charge any more than rack rate (\$65.99). The guests were hard on the rooms on Founder's Days, this requires a lot of cleaning.
- January is probably the slowest of the winter months. Our "Stay and Play" package for \$49.99 is still in place in order to generate some revenue for this period.
- Our room revenue is \$44,743.48. The projected budget amount for revenue was \$41,455.00.
- Our occupancy was 41%. This is above the industry average for the month of January. The hospitality industry is still depressed as it has been ever since the 9-11 tragedy. Comparatively, the Quality Inn is still doing well.

**LUNCH BREAK AT 12:05 P.M./BACK INTO SESSION AT 1:07 P.M.**

**STUDENT HONORING CEREMONY** - The Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council and the RST Education Department Director held an honoring ceremony with a presentation of plaques for the following to place in their respective schools:

1. **GREGORY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM & COACH WHALEN FOR TAKING SECOND PLACE IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME IN THE DAKOTA DOME IN VERMILLION, SD.**

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2. TODD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM & COACH ROBERT KORNELLY, SR.
3. TODD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM & COACH CHUCK WILSON FOR PLACING FIRST AT THE LAKOTA NATION INVITATIONAL.
4. TODD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LAKOTA NATION INVITATIONAL ACADEMIC QUIZ BOWL CHAMPS & COACH KATHLEEN SELBY.
5. TODD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LAKOTA NATION INVITATIONAL LAKOTA LANGUAGE & KNOWLEDGE BOWL CHAMPS & COACH EMMETT MARTIN.

The council shook hands and offered congratulations to the teams and coaches. A congratulatory cake was served to all.

**JOHN THUNE** - John Thune, who is running for US Senate addressed the council and stated that he would like to work on a government to government relationship with the tribes. He is here to listen and wants a better understanding about what their issues are. He would like to improve the quality of life on the reservation and wants to make sure they have good health care and education. He would like to see a better line of communication and dialogue as to how they can work together to solve those problems. Mr. Thune answered questions from the council and discussed delivery of services.

BREAK AT 2:10 P.M./BACK INTO SESSION AT 2:20 P.M.

**TERRY PECHOTA REPORT** - Chairman Colombe informed the council that he invited all the parties involved in the TLE lawsuit; and that the tribe was dismissed out of the suit; and as a party plaintiff, he withdrew before he took his oath of office.

Attorneys present were: Terry Pechota, Tribal Attorney; Terry Hoffer of Bangs, McCullen, Butler, Foye & Simmons who is the law firm representing TLE; and Robert Reutter, the attorney for the plaintiffs.

After a lengthy discussion with the council, attorneys and tribal members on the TLE matter, it was agreed that all

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the parties involved proceed with a bill against the Bureau of Indian Affairs pertaining to trust responsibility.

For the record, Lenard Wright stated that he received phone calls over the weekend and that is why he had this put on the agenda.

Motion by Rodney Bordeaux that the parties involved proceed with a bill for claims against the BIA. Seconded by Jo Colombe. Questioned by Willard Henry. Vote: 13 for, 0 opposed, 0 not voting. MOTION CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT** - Chairman Colombe called the meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Gerri Night Pipe, Secretary  
Rosebud Sioux Tribe